

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
at Metro Social Services
800 2nd Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201

Present: Diane Kuhn, Renee Pratt, Wendell Segroves,
Staff: Will Connelly, Judy Tackett, Karri Simpson, Deon Trotter

The meeting began at 8:42 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved. Wendell Segroves made the motion; Diane Kuhn seconded. All approved.

Financial Report and Budget

Pam McEwen reported that the NES and bus pass balance for How's Nashville is getting low. Will Connelly stated that because NES vouchers are used for move-in costs, funds from How's Nashville can be used to purchase more. Approximately \$3000 from the Metro Homelessness Commission budget is going to be used to purchase more bus passes.

The current terms for the CDBG grant have ended. Some invoices for move-in costs have just been received so funds from this pool will still be reported on into the next month.

This month, Park Center began work under the CABHI grant. These funds will begin to be reported on next month. Park Center is 80% staffed and have hired 5 new outreach workers who will identify individuals experiencing homelessness, helping them get into housing. After housing is located, outreach staff will initiate a warm hand-off to CTI case management staff at Mental Health Cooperative.

The budget was submitted on February 4, 2015 to the Mayor's office. Expected proposal from Mayor Dean is expected by April, with an anticipated final decision by the Metro Council at the end of June.

Cold Weather Update

Last Monday OEM and the Mayor's office opened an overflow shelter that serviced approximately 45-50 individuals. There were three volunteer shifts each day and about 45 volunteers staffed the shelter in total. The debriefing from this event will be later today. Shelter for individuals and their pets are still a need; a nonprofit group has stepped up to focus solely on this and will begin meeting in March to prepare for the 2015 winter season.

Director's Report

- **Strategic Planning:** Negotiations with Focus Strategies are still occurring. The original budget was \$20,000 from the Frist Foundation; MDHA has added an additional \$10,000 and the work plan has had to be redeveloped.
- **Zero 2016:** Communities participating in this national campaign must have housing placement goals by this Friday. Using PIT numbers, VI-SPDAT assessments, HMIS, and VA data, 595 veterans and 1421 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness were identified to need housing to effectively end homelessness. The new slogan is *2016 by2016*; housing 2016 individuals by the end of 2016.

James Robertson

Renee Pratt reported that Metro Social Services has an office on site three days a week, beginning in February. Venus Allen reported that a roster of 110 residents was received from MDHA and that contact was made with 82 of those individuals. Of those 82, 48 are currently working with Metro Social Services to find alternative housing. Follow-up letters have been sent to the 28 individuals who have not made any contact with staff. To date, MSS has assisted 3 James Robertson residents with successfully relocating.

Megan Barry has spoken with Judge Blackburn, who oversees the Mental Health Court, and she has offered to help residents of James Robertson if needed. Judy Tackett added that Dayna Lovelady and Gretchen Mason are working on recruiting volunteers to help with the physical moving process and have reached out to Hands On Nashville.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

The next full Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard Office Building.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Metro Social Services.